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Curios and Relics

Plants

Flowers

From Lincoln Funeral

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

From the files of the

Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

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President Johnson occupied the White House on Tuesday for the first time, on occasion of the grand parade. He will take possession of the Executive Chamber for the transaction of official business, but will reside elsewhere during the summer months.

The Departments' clerks in Washington united last week in presenting Mrs. Lincoln with a beautiful cross of jabonicas, neatly encased in black walnut, as a tribute of their love and esteem for the late President Lincoln, and as a parting gift to the bereaved widow of him who is so dear to the heart of every true patriot. The Committe of Arrangements received a grateful note of acknowledgment on Monday from Captain Robert Lincoln, expressive of his mother's appreciation of their testimonial.

Nearly twenty vessels are now cruising after the Stonewall, in divisions of from three to five each. It is said to be not improbable that the Stonewall will go to Vera Cruz and be sold to Maximilian. We wish we could be sure she would not crush our wooden vessels off Galveston.

[illegible] Sunday Mirror Springfield Mass
May 25, 1865

FLOWER From Lincoln's coffin

This season of the year brings forth an interesting item about a resident of Kentland, Rev. A. C. Northrop. He is a son of a veteran, his father having served in the Civil war. Charles Northrop was a member of a Pennsylvania regiment and was stationed in Washington in 1865. He was inside guard at the White House and opened the door for Mr. Lincoln when he passed out of the White House to go to the theatre the night of his assassination. This young soldier, he was only nineteen when he enlisted, was inside guard at the time of Lincoln's funeral, and Rev. Northrop has a flower that his father took from the casket of Mr. Lincoln. Rev. Northrop has, also, letters which his father wrote during these times in which he says that there was great fear in Washington that the president might be assassinated. These letters were written several weeks before Mr. Lincoln's death. Mr. Northrop has an original photograph of Mr. Lincoln and his wife that his father obtained at this time.

Newton County Enterprise
Kentland, Indiana. 1928

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Piqua - Ohio
May 11 - 1932

Mr. Louis A. Warren
Fort Wayne, - Indiana.

My Dear Mr. Warren:-

I received your inquiry as to price of the Lincoln wreath, and think ($500.00) five hundred dollars a fair price for same, if you are interested and care to see it - will be glad to have you drive out.

Yours very truly.
W. McC. Dorsey

603 North Wayne St.

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~~126 WEST NORTH~~ STREET
PIQUA, OHIO

May 31 – 32

Dr. Louis A. Warren
Ft. Wayne. – Ind.

Dear Sir: – I have in my possession a wreath that was placed on the coffin of Pres. Lincoln, when his body lay in state at the State-house in Columbus Ohio. on its journey to Springfield Ill, Guy Farlee, who was treasurer of state at the time, bought the wreath, and

603 North Wayne

[redacted] STREET

PIQUA, OHIO

had it framed in a deep octagonal frame. I should like to know if you care to purchase it for your museum.

Yours very truly

W. McC. Dorsey

WREATH that was on Lin.'s body when it lay in st. at Columbus, O.

June 2, 1932

Mr. W. M. Dorsey
603 N. Wayne Street
Piqua, Ohio

My dear Mr. Dorsey:

In relation to the curio about which you write it seems to me it should be kept in Ohio if possible, possibly in the State Library and Museum at Columbus. However, if you would care to set a price upon it, we will let you know whether or not we would care to acquire it.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:LH

Director

June 17, 1932

Mr. W. McC. Dorsey
603 North Wayne Street
Piqua, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for offering to sell us the Lincoln wreath, which is in your possession, and while we will be glad to keep a record of it in our files for others who may inquire about such curios, I am sure we would not wish to acquire it.

Very sincerely yours,

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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By CHARLES F. DANVER

Rose From Lincoln Bier

AMONG Pittsburghers who treasure souvenirs which reach far back through the years to the life and death of Abraham Lincoln is Sam Walker, secretary to Congressman Robert J. Corbett. He has a number of valued mementos from the Lincoln funeral train.

They include a dried rose and a sequin star which came from the floral tributes placed on the bier. Also several special time tables which were issued for the passage of the funeral train from Washington to Springfield, Ill.

Mr. Walker inherited the items from his grandfather, the late Captain Samuel Walker of the Union Army, a general's aide who was invited to accompany the remains on the slow, mournful journey.

Charlie Danver

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